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Recent Data Updates

- *UC, CSU and CCC Fall-Term Enrollment and Completion Data (2008)*

New Information at CPEC



Welcome to the June 2009 edition of the CPEC newsletter, *Bits of Data*. The [California Postsecondary Education Commission](#) (CPEC) periodically announces, through this publication, the availability of new datasets, updates to existing data, and new research. We always extend a warm welcome to all of you that use our data and a THANK YOU to everyone for your wonderful feedback and support.

We have been very busy the past several months and missed sending out an earlier issue. However, we will surprise you with some of the wonderful products and the amount of data we have released. We have a lot to cover, so let's get started.

Updated Data

Spring is in the air. This is the time of year when we receive, process and release prior year enrollment and completions data. The 2008 academic year data from University of California (UC), California State University (CSU) and the Community Colleges are now available on the web. Community College data are available with two exceptions, Southwestern and Taft Colleges. There are also a large number of caveats for first-time freshmen at the Community Colleges. Please review the Caveats page. We will update the data and notify users as the data are corrected and resubmitted. The K-12 data are not yet available for College-going calculations. We will send a follow-up message when we post additional data on the website.

Affected pages and caveats:

- [Custom Reports](#) – Enrollment, Fall-Term Transfers to Public Institutions, Degrees. College-going data are NOT available until we receive the K-12 data. Please see the Caveats page for problems identified in the Community College data.
- [Student Snapshots](#) – No known issues except as noted above.

These data are also used throughout the Commission's website.

Other Updated Data:

- Unemployment Data
- Adult Literacy
- Educational Attainment
- Median Income
- California County Data
- 50-State Comparison Data

The downloaded version of the CDS File, available from the [School Code Mapping System](#), now includes the mailing address fields based on a request from one of our users. Thank you to the one who suggested this. Keep the suggestions coming.

Education Links

- [CA Postsecondary Education Commission](#)
- [Department of Education](#)
- [University of California](#)
- [California State University](#)
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- [Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education](#) (inoperative)
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CPEC Website

There are many important new features on the CPEC website. We have provided something for everyone. Take a look:

- K-12 Data are now available in the [Custom Reports System](#) and [Student Snapshots](#). The Custom Reports data includes the option to aggregate and filter by California State Assembly, California State Senate, and U.S. Congressional Districts of the K-12 school.
- Adult Literacy Data are now included in the [Work/Fiscal](#) Section of the website under [California County Comparison](#) and [50 State Comparison](#).
- The [Student Fees data](#) are now available in table format for both Actual Dollars and Constant Dollars.
- [College-Going Rate](#) for each U.S. Congressional District is now available in both table format and as a graph. Trend over time options are also available.
- [Graduation Rates](#) for the 2000 freshmen cohort at 4-year colleges and universities are now available. These data are from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) data collection.
- The Commission's [home page](#) now includes a Google News slideshow displaying search results for the Commission and other postsecondary education news in California.
- CPEC does maps! A new page has been added showing an interactive map of [College-going rates of high schools in any county](#).
- More maps! Interactive maps are now available for each [higher education system](#) in the [College Guide](#). For example, [map of CSU institutions](#).
- Instate, Out-of-state, Interstate! A new page showing [Migration of Students](#) has been added showing the number of California First-Time Students attending college or university in other states. Clicking on the name of a state leads to a page showing the number of students from California at each college or university in the state. Clicking on the name of a college and university leads to a page showing the state of residence of all the students. This page is EXTREMELY popular.

Commission Publications

Commission research staff produce a number of useful publications about higher education issues in California.

The [Recent Publications](#) page displays the more recent offerings.

Must read Reports and Fact Sheets:

[Completing the Affordability Picture: The Need for More Data on Financial Aid](#)

[The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: What it Means for Higher Education](#)

[College-Going and University Eligibility: Differences between Racial/Ethnic Groups](#)

[Who Can Afford it? How Rising Costs are Making College Unaffordable for Working Families](#)

[An Analytic Method for Measuring Student Academic Preparation](#)

Feedback – For more information

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